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MEMORANDUM TO: Director of Training

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THRU : Assistant Director, Current Intelligence

SUBJECT : Foreign Service Institute Mid Career Course
on Foreign Affairs (30 Sept - 20 Dec 1957)

1. I found this course to be both a challenge and a beneficial change from normal office routine.

2. The course is well organized, well planned and efficiently run. The Front Royal segment is particularly useful because it enables the members of the class, most of whom are complete strangers, to get thoroughly acquainted with each other socially and intellectually within the first two of the twelve weeks.

3. The academic part of the program is stimulating, since it gives the students some new ideas to use in analyzing foreign behavior and it is, with some exceptions, well presented. Most of the professors remain for two days giving ample time for questions and discussions and occasionally for informal exchanges of opinion at luncheon.

4. The third phase of the course introduces briefings on those government agencies having an influence on the formulation of foreign policy and a trip to New York for briefings by the US UN Delegation and members of the UN Secretariat. These were interesting and especially worthwhile to FSO's returning from long periods abroad.

5. The course offers an opportunity to read ten worthwhile books on the American scene and the course paper forces the student to apply the concepts, to which he has been exposed, to a current political or economic problem. I appreciate the opportunity given me to attend the course and highly recommend that the Agency continue to supply at least one candidate for each session.

6. I should like to say a special word about the two-day briefing provided by CIA on 5 and 6 December. It was the almost unanimous opinion of the class that these two days were outstanding and the highlight of the course. I am proud to concur in this opinion. The briefings were well organized, included solid "meat" on subjects normally treated in more general terms, and

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